

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Upper Arkansas - Rangeland/Grassland

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| Program: | Ranking Date: | Application Number: |
| Ranking Tool: Upper Arkansas - Rangeland/Grassland | | Applicant: |
| Final Ranking Score: | | Address: |
| Planner: | Telephone: | |
| Farm Location: | | |

National Priorities Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

State Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance? IF THIS IS THE APPLICANT'S FIRST APPLICATION, ANSWER, "Yes". | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Local Issues Addressed

| Issue Questions | Responses |
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| 1. Is there a current COMPLETE resource management conservation plan in place? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. If application is funded, will this be the applicant's first EQIP contract for this resource issue? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Is this application a joint agreement? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

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| 4. Is the Rangeland Similarity Index,RSi score ≤ 5 but >0 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Is the Rangeland Similarity Index,RSi score >5 but ≤ 10 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Is the Rangeland Similarity Index,RSi score <10 but ≤ 20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Is the Rangeland Similarity Index,RSi score >20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. Is the Pasture Productivity Index, PPI score ≤ 5 but >0 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Is the Pasture Productivity Index, PPI score >5 but ≤ 10 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. Is the Pasture Productivity Index, PPI score <10 but ≤ 20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. Is the Pasture Productivity Index, PPI score >20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a switchback system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a rest-rotation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a deferred rotation system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a limited pasture high intensity short duration system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improves grazing rotation with a standard pasture high intensity short duration system? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 17. Does the conservation treatment include modification of grazing duration to allow each pasture to be grazed during growing season for 15 days or less each time AND each pasture grazed at a different time from year to year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. Does the conservation treatment include modification of grazing duration such that a scheduled rotation is used that will allow the grazing duration in each pasture to be greater than 15 days but less than or equal to 30 days AND each pasture is grazed at a different time from year to year? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. Will grazing land monitoring be conducted by any one of the following methods (photo points, forage analysis, permanent transects)? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. Is the Ground Cover Improvement, Drought Recovery Restoration and Noxious Weed Control Scorecard Index ≤ 5 but >0 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 21. Is the Ground Cover Improvement, Drought Recovery Restoration and Noxious Weed Control Scorecard Index >5 but ≤ 10 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. Is the Ground Cover Improvement, Drought Recovery Restoration and Noxious Weed Control Scorecard Index >10 but ≤ 15 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 23. Is the Ground Cover Improvement, Drought Recovery Restoration and Noxious Weed Control Scorecard Index >15 but ≤ 20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 24. Is the Ground Cover Improvement, Drought Recovery Restoration and Noxious Weed Control Scorecard Index >20 ? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 25. Does the conservation treatment include the installation of practices that improve and enhance wildlife habitat as a part of the overall operation of the agricultural enterprise, including invasive species control? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 26. Has at least one question in the National Priority ranking section been answered "yes," AND is the proposed project located in an area where the Wind Power Class or its verified equivalence is at least 3, AND will the wind turbine power plant serve as an alternative to an existing, fossil fuel dependent power source? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |
| 27. Has at least one question in the National Priority ranking section been answered "yes," AND is the proposed project located in an area where the Photovoltaic array has full exposure to full sunlight, AND will the solar power plant serve as an alternative to an existing, fossil fuel dependent power source? | Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/> |

Land Use:

| Resource Concerns | Practices |
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Ranking Score

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| Efficiency: |
| Local Issues: |

State Issues:

National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

NRCS Designated Conservationist:

Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:

Signature Date:

Signature Date: